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ATTLEE GOING TO WASHINGTON To Iron Out Atomism And Soviet Tangle

LONDON, Oct. 30. AUTHORITATIVE WHITEHALL CIRCLES WERE SPECULATING TODAY ON MR. ATTLEE'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES FOR A CONFERENCE WITH PRESIDENT TRUMAN. SOURCES WHICH IN THE PAST HAVE REFLECTED THE OPINION OF NO. 10, DOWNING STREET SAID MR. ATTLEE WAS ANXIOUS FOR A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING ON A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS AMONG THEM:

ATOMIC RESEARCH

LONDON, Oct. 30. A RESEARCH CENTRE IS BEING OPENED NEAR DIDCOT, IN BERKSHIRE, FOR BRITISH SCIENTISTS WHO ARE TO EMERSE ON THE STUDY OF THE USE OF ATOMIC ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. The staff will be headed by the group of British scientists who co-operated with the Americans in the Manhattan Project. Another proclamation by an expert today was that the use of atomic energy in a future war would wipe out civilization. He pointed out that there could be no escape. It was possible to develop an atomic rocket, bigger and more powerful than the V-2. The Germans already had blue-prints of a rocket-bomb to travel 3,000 miles. —Reuter.

German Raid Casualties

Washington, Oct. 30. Allied air bombing of Germany killed or wounded 1,087,000 German civilians, destroyed or heavily damaged 3,600,000 of their homes and made 7,500,000 of them homeless. It was disclosed here tonight with the release of the official "United States Strategic Bombing Survey." The damage wrought by the R.A.F. and U.S.A.A.F. was done with 2,700,000 bombs at a cost of 79,000 American and 79,281 British airmen's lives. —Reuter.

Yamashita's Trial

Manila, Oct. 30. Mrs. Justa Gudra, widow of a Philippine army colonel, was the principal witness in the second day of the war crimes trial of General Yamashita. She added more testimony to that introduced yesterday about Japanese soldiers' and generals' atrocities against Filipinos in the final days of the Japanese defence of Manila. The so-called "Tiger of Malaya" is charged with responsibility for the wanton killing and brutality of the troops under his command, with a United States military commission hearing the case. —Associated Press.

Consular Staff Dockers

Wellington, Oct. 30. The New Dutch consul in Wellington, Jonker van Panhuys, and the returning Consul Vigevano, with their consular staffs and local Dutchmen completed loading of the 6,000-ton Dutch cargo and passenger ship "Arginus" here today because New Zealand waterfront workers persisted in their refusal to touch the ship, which had been idle in Wellington since October 16. The "Arginus" is sailing for Java tomorrow. —Reuter.

Washington, Oct. 30. President Truman today cancelled all out-of-town trips for a month ahead because of the breakdown placed on him by labour strife, wages and prices during the reconversion period. —Associated Press.

Dock Strike Action

London, Oct. 30. Government has proceeded to a further important stage in tackling the dock strike. It was announced today that troops will work in all the docks and handle all ships, whatever their cargoes. The numbers of troops employed will be stepped up to meet all requirements. —Reuter.

BLOODLESS COUP IN BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct. 30. THE WAVE OF POLITICAL UNREST WHICH HAS BEEN SWEEPING THROUGH SOUTH AMERICA STRUCK BRAZIL TODAY. Police headquarters announced that Getulio Vargas had resigned the presidency. Army tanks were seen to enter the presidential residence and Vargas was observed leaving in an automobile. Earlier, an unidentified army general and a young lieutenant delivered a statement to the radio station and the lieutenant shouted: "Vargas has abdicated." Vargas has been Brazil's "strong man" President since before the war without having held an election. Associated Press.

TANKS PARADE. A motorcade column of two hundred tanks paraded through Rio de Janeiro last night, acclaiming General Eduardo Gomes, the opposition candidate for the Presidency, according to reports from the Brazilian border. The tanks added that calm prevailed in the Southern Brazilian state of Rio Grande do Sul, where troops are not confined to barracks. —Reuter.

Small Nation's Magna Carta

NEW YORK, Oct. 30. STASSEN, FORMER GOVERNOR OF MINNESOTA, ADVOCATED IN A SPEECH TODAY THAT PRESIDENT TRUMAN APPOINT A BIPARTISAN COMMISSION TO DEVELOP "OPEN AND NO SECRET" UNITED STATES POLICIES IN THE PACIFIC. Stassen advanced a nine-point programme, including development of atomic, naval and air bases through the central Pacific, "firm long-term supervision of Japan," and support for "a strong China." Referring to a provision of the United Nations charter for helping all nations not represented at the conference, Stassen said: "These charters may well become known as the Magna Carta of little people who weren't there."

Maj.-Gen. Claire Chennault, former air commander in China, urged on the same programme the establishment of a barter system whereby American manufactured goods could be exchanged for Chinese commodities. He said China lacked the dollar balances but had many items needed in the United States. —Associated Press.

Scot Escapees

LONDON, Oct. 30. EIGHT OR FIFTEEN SOLDIERS WHO ESCAPED FROM MILITARY DETENTION BARRACKS IN THE NORTH OF ENGLAND HAVE BEEN ARRESTED. Some came from Stalkhill, which has been much in the news lately, and some from a detention camp near Chorley. All the escapees were from the Gordon Highlanders, the Seaforth Highlanders or the Highland Light Infantry. —Reuter.

Haifa, Oct. 30. The British cruiser Orion has arrived here to join the cruiser Sirius and the destroyer Milne. —Reuter.

GOING ON AND WITHOUT RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30. PLANS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE FAR EASTERN ADVISORY COMMISSION TODAY WITHOUT HOPING FOR NOTICE THAT RUSSIA WILL PARTICIPATE. THE MAJOR FUNCTION OF THE COMMISSION WILL BE TO ADVISE ON FUTURE POLICIES FOR THE CONTROL OF JAPAN.

American officials assumed that Moscow is standing on the contention that a four-power Control Council, with actual administrative power, should be established in Tokyo prior to the creation of the Advisory Commission.

Ten Governments have answered the roll-call namely the United States, Britain, China, Australia, Canada, France, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Philippines and India. It is announced that the Indian Government has also accepted the invitation.

ROMULO'S VENTURE. General Carlos Romulo, of the Philippines, is reported to be ready to propose that the delegates discuss independence plans for Indo-China and the Netherlands East Indies. United States officials discussed the view that Romulo will probably be ruled out of order if he makes such a proposal. They cited the scope of the Advisory Commission which could make recommendations on subjects other than the Japanese surrender only when such matters are assigned to it by agreement of the participating governments. —Associated Press.

INDIA'S DELEGATE. India has designated as its representative Mr. Shunkar Bhaipai, Indian agent-general in Washington, it was learned today. Britain had asked that India be invited when U.S. Secretary of State Byrnes first proposed the commission after the Japanese surrender. Byrnes replied that the United States was willing to accept the other two major Asian powers and Russia would consent. China agreed but Russia did not express its stand, it was understood. With the conference opening scheduled today, government officials said it was decided that since Russia had not indicated her intention of participating in the commission work, they could not wait any longer for the Soviet view on the Indian suggestion. —Associated Press.

Cool Gang Of Robbers

ARMED ROBBERS OF A NEW TYPE APPEAR TO BE OPERATING IN KOWLOON. An "operation" at No. 28, Battery Street, yesterday was carried out by four well-dressed Chinese, all in smart European attire. Two of them carried automatics and two revolvers. They entered the establishment, the Wo Hop Import and Export Firm, held up Ma Tak-yuet, the manager, and the six, demanded the keys of the safe, were disarmed on finding it empty, and then went methodically through the pockets of the manager and his staff. The total haul was small, amounting to HK\$40 and CGU\$30. The gang staged their somewhat disappointing coup at 5.30 p.m. and they made a clean get-away. —Associated Press.

TRAM MISHAP

A well-dressed Chinese girl, later identified as Miss Tam Yuen-hing, aged 17, was seriously injured yesterday morning as the result of a fall from a tram. The tramcar was travelling at fairly high speed near Wellington Barracks when the accident occurred, and it is thought that jostling in the overcrowded vehicle explained the fall. Miss Tam suffered severe head injuries and was detained at the Queen Mary Hospital.

Washington, Oct. 30. The Government has announced that new automobiles soon to go on sale will not be rationed. —Associated Press.

Wary Truce At Soerabaya

DOCTOR SOEKARNO, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA, IS REPORTED TO HAVE ARRANGED A TRUCE AT SOERABAYA BETWEEN THE NATIONALISTS AND BRITISH AND INDIAN TROOPS AFTER THE HEAVIEST FIGHTING OF THE ALLIED OCCUPATION OF JAVA. DR. SOEKARNO RUSHED TO SOERABAYA IN AN R.A.F. PLANE TO INTERVENE IN THE SERIOUS STREET FIGHTING IN WHICH INDONESIANS MANNED JAPANESE ARMoured CARS AND LIGHT TANKS.

Soekarno, with two of his Cabinet Members, and the Associated Press Correspondent, Ralph Morton, were at the air-strip which was under fire and held by a thin patrol of British Mahatras.

As a result of the subsequent truce, firing died down in the Headquarters area of the British 49th Brigade and in the centre and South-Western portions of the city. Some firing continues in other portions but the situation is generally reported to be quieter. It is not yet clear what caused the out-break but British Army observers believe that partial cause was the leaflets dropped on the city warning unauthorized persons to turn in their arms by Wednesday under penalty of death.

MYSTERIOUS FIGURE. Moestopa, a mysterious Indonesian whose name is linked with the hostilities, is reported to have fled from the Naval base at Soerabaya.

Soekarno told a British Staff officer that Moestopa was without any official status in the native independence movement. A later message from Batavia states that the bloody fighting at the Soerabaya Naval base was halted by the Indonesian truce after forty British and Indian troops had been killed.

The truce was arranged by the Nationalist leader, Soekarno, who braved the fire of his own forces to reach the Indonesian headquarters.

NEW OUTBREAK. The Dutch News Agency "Aneta" has reported new fighting between Allied troops and Indonesians in the Kranat district of Batavia.

Soekarno's absence from Batavia means an indefinite postponement of negotiations between the Dutch and Indonesians.

A British officer said that many women and children in internment camps in the Soerabaya area were killed during the twenty-four hours of the battle.

BARRICADES UP. Soerabaya, the scene of day-long clashes between British and Indonesian troops and Indonesian Nationalists, was quiet today although the atmosphere remains tense.

Latest military reports from the great Java port state that the Nationalists have erected barricades throughout the town. Only people carrying passes from Dr. Soekarno, President of the "Indonesian Republic" are allowed to move about.

Official figures gave twenty British and Indians killed and fifty-nine wounded, including two officers.

The city quietened down after Dr. Soekarno's broadcast to his countrymen to lay down their arms. —Reuter.

SOEKARNO WORRIED

Later. Dr. Soekarno said he was very worried over the turn of events at Soerabaya naval base. He said the mysterious Dr. Moestopa was the local leader of his party there was unreliable and could not keep his "youth movement" in check.

A young Indonesian school teacher taken prisoner by the British said that he was a nationalist follower of Moestopa, but he said most of the young people were Communists. He said they were told to lay down their arms under Moestopa's orders, but decided to fight it out because they believed the Dutch would take over after the British became firmly established. —Associated Press.

Getting Rid Of 700

SEVEN HUNDRED JAPANESE PRISONERS-OF-WAR NOW IN HONG KONG ARE TO BE SHIPPED TO JAPAN IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

The "China Mail" learned yesterday that they will leave the Colony in the s.s. Fort Buffalo, the necessary arrangements having been made with Allied M.Q. in Tokyo. The "Fort Buffalo" is going North to bring back a cargo for Hong Kong.

WARSAW DECREE

Warsaw, Oct. 30. The Provisional Government of Poland is preparing a decree to nationalize all land in Warsaw for reconstruction. No mention is made of compensation for the lands. —Associated Press.

THE ATOMIC JITTERS

Washington, Oct. 30. Dr. William Ugburn, University of Chicago sociologist, told the Senate Committee that studies should be made on the possible break-up of American cities to scatter the populace which might be destroyed by a few atomic bombs. Dr. George Baker, Government consultant, said that a single atomic bomb raid could wipe out and haze the air-craft industry in the Los Angeles area. He said that the United States should produce three-thousand military planes yearly in its plants. —Associated Press.

R.C.S. FUNERAL TO-DAY

The funeral of the three Royal Corps of Signals personnel killed in the jeep accident in Garden Road on Monday evening will take place today, the cortege passing the Monument at 8 p.m. The dead are Signaller G. N. Sprinks, Cpl. H. Butt and Sgt. John Davies.

SHANGHAI ARREST

Shanghai, Oct. 30. Don Chisholm, American-born Shanghai newspaperman, has been arrested by American intelligence officers for questioning concerning the broadcast which he allegedly made during the Japanese occupation. —Associated Press.

MASONIC HALL

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Fees for Publican's Licence—\$1,000.00 to \$8,000.00 to Victoria or Hill District.

Half the above fees elsewhere in the Colony.

Fees for Adjunct Licence—\$700.00 in and to the North of Queen's Road—Victoria, or at Victoria Gap.

\$400.00 elsewhere in the Island of Hong Kong or in Kowloon or New Kowloon.

O. H. SANSON.

Col. C.A.(g). Police.

28th October, 1945.

NOTICE

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION
HONG KONG

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The Office of the Commissioner of Police and the Police Accountant have been removed from the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank Building to the New Oriental Building—Colmaught Road—(Next to Butterfield & Swire's Office).

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MUSIC HATH CHARMS

The complaint of some of our military friends against the standards set in the musical programmes emanating from Hong Kong's broadcasting studio touches on a sore point with many local residents also, though few have ventured upon the temerity and hardness to quibble about it. Even before the war, it had long been said that those who might be generally described as the classically-inclined, and to whom "The Merry Widow" was the last intellectually acceptable musical comedy, dominated ZHW's green room, and it is not perhaps completely paradoxical that when a step-down was made in prudent concession to popular taste, the choice of what was intended to be brighter and gay was apt to miss its objective. It is true, of course, that those who succumb to the temptation of attempting to cater to a wide audience necessarily sacrifice the artistic value of their music.

After all, even King Croesus singing "I'll Be Home For Christmas" is not, as they say in the Army, everybody's cup of tea, however neatly it may minister to the sentiments of those many among us to whom it will be only in our dreams. On the other hand that deathless ditty "Eleven more months and ten more days" might well seem in this day and age to be taken in conjunction with "See the Funny Little Elephant," a sudden preference for pink elephants or nasty crawling spiders is not past the powers of human understanding. Yet turning down such offerings as neither a musical nor a dramatic an aesthetic delight does not answer the crucial question, what is the stuff to give the troops? If we may quote, a character in one of Coward's plays remarks on the potency of cheap music and there has been a time when the drug has had such opportunities for working its dubious magic. Here, we have little intimate knowledge of the bobby-soxers girls who when they hear the voice of Frank Sinatra take to "fainting in coils" but there is no doubt of the universal popularity of the crooner. With a may form the majority of his fans but there are plenty of fighting men ready to stand up for him and testify to the pleasure he gave them while they were on active service. Nevertheless, when it comes to letting the people sing, it is the old songs that have it. Perhaps the real answer is to be found not in records at all, but in bringing more humanity to the microphone. The delighted reception which the Services gave last night to the "Thanks A Million" show at the Queen's was indicative of the warm freedom of response to the personal touch. In the modern idiom, we are becoming allergic to canned music.

AND WHAT ABOUT HONG KONG?

Halifax, Oct. 30. Three hundred British businessmen, including representatives of oil, steel, shipping, aviation, insurance, whisky and smoking equipment, have arrived here seeking to re-establish Canadian and U.S. markets. General opinion was that the British trade outlook was obscure because of the monetary situation.—Reuter.

Sydney, Oct. 30. It is authoritatively stated in S. J. that the question of granting an open inquiry on General Bennett's escape from Malaya will be raised when the full Cabinet meets to-morrow.—Reuter.

Osaka, Oct. 30. An undisclosed source has revealed that the Japanese Finance Ministry supplied the American troops with a tip which led to the seizure of over one million dollars of gold, silver and platinum from a safe in the Mitsubishi Department.—Associated Press.

Tokyo, Oct. 30. Liquidation of some of the closed Japanese banks has already started, with the Bank of Japan named as liquidator.—Reuter.

Danger! U.S. Sitting On The Atomic Bomb

LONDON, OCT. 30. COMMENTING ON PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S SPEECH THE "DAILY HERALD" SAYS: "IN HIS HANDLING OF THE QUESTION OF THE ATOMIC BOMB SO FAR PRESIDENT TRUMAN, IT MUST BE FEARED, HAS NOT INCREASED THE AREA OF INTERNATIONAL TRUSTFULNESS. IF THE UNITED STATES ASSUMES THE HIGH PRINCIPLES OF 'WORLD COOPERATION' SHE MUST BE PREPARED TO APPLY THEM; SHE WILL BE BITTERLY DISILLUSIONED IF SHE THINKS THAT THE WAY TO 'OUTLAW' THE ATOMIC BOMB IS TO SIT ON IT."

The Conservative London "Daily Mail" hails the President's speech as a "direct and unambiguous" statement of United States foreign policy, and says: "Today we know with certainty where that great country stands."

The paper sees in the abandonment of isolationism by the United States and her determination never again to be caught unprepared by an aggressor the surest guarantee of peace and declares that while the British are convinced that the United States will not violate the trust of the atom bomb it may be "hard to persuade disinterestedness and decision to keep the bomb to herself."

They may take the view that although the United States invites the trust of her neighbours she is not willing to trust them, in her not willing to trust them, in her turn. Thus secrecy is likely to lead not to trust but to mistrust. The President's hint that America hopes not merely to maintain existing bases but to acquire new ones, says the "Daily Mail," is another point which will give food for thought to foreign statesmen.

"The Times" writes: "There is nothing in the creed (President Truman's 12 Points) to which British policy cannot subscribe with a whole heart. But difficulties in international affairs are never solved by application rather than enunciation of principles."

"The most sanguine will hardly believe that all President Truman's twelve principles can be applied to-day with equal completeness to a Europe that has not yet emerged from chaos that will be all the deeper under the pressure of this situation can be effectively reversed."

DEADLY DANGER
Saying that this is especially true of eastern Europe, where the immediate failure of co-operation between the eastern and western allies has come, "The Times" writes: "It is of the first importance that the Russian case should be understood and soberly appraised. Continuance of mutual suspicion between the major allies is the deadliest danger of all."

"If debate can be brought back to plans of rational argument, with each fully informed of the reasons for the other's attitude, it should be possible to work out a settlement, meeting both the Allied demand for real eventual autonomy of the small nations and the Russian claim to a guarantee of security."

"Indeed it must be possible if once it is recognised that the overmastering desire of both sides, whatever their differences about means, is the same—security as a guarantee of lasting peace."

As regards the atom bomb "The Times" says: "No different principles need be or can be applied to determination of policy relating to development of nuclear power."

"Scientists seem to be agreed that there is no 'secret' conferring on its possessors bargaining power with which to compel recalcitrants to bow to rules of international association."

The Conservative "Daily Telegraph" says: "What is not so clear from President Truman's statement is how he proposes to translate his unexceptionable principles into action."

Reorganisation of scouting in the Colony was discussed at a meeting attended by the Commissioner, the Rev. N. V. Halward, on Saturday.

Twenty-four groups were represented, and most were able to report that a nucleus of members remains to train recruits and build up new and efficient groups.

13th Hong Kong is already functioning and its H.Q. at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. is to be the temporary H.Q. for the Colony. At the termination, all stood in silence in remembrance of Scouts and Scouters who lost their lives during the war.

CORRESPONDENCE
RAT TRAP, \$25.
Sir,—I presume that it is a Rat, that is destined to be caught, not an ingenious Mole.

POWER POLITICS
It is also not easy to apprehend what underlies the phrase that all peoples in Asia and Africa, no less than Europe, who are prepared for self-government should be free to choose their form of government without foreign interference.

Nevertheless it is profoundly reassuring in principle that America is to trend the pathway of cooperation with other United Nations in various responsibilities devolving upon them. The world can far less afford an American relapse into isolation in 1946 than in 1919.

The Conservative "Yorkshire Post" writes: "Refusal to share the secret of the atomic bomb is certain to cause preoccupation to those in charge of Russian destinies, and the depth and urgency of these feelings is perhaps best measured by reports emanating from German sources, but hardly unaffected by Russian inspiration, that the Soviet authorities are perusing research on the atomic bomb with the aid of German scientists."

"We need not be surprised at this nor need we suppose that the Kremlin means to substitute reliance upon the unaided force of cooperation. There is no certainty that the United States will be driven to follow a similar course. But if their policies were adopted it would be almost impossible to exaggerate the danger of a position in which each country was seeking safety in power politics."

The Communist Party organ "Daily Worker" objects to President Truman's phrase "sacred trust," used in relation to the atom bomb and asks "In what way is it sacred and in what way is it a trust?"
The paper observes that talking tough to the world at large, and to the Soviet Union in particular, is now common practice in the United States and warns: "The influence of all Democrats and lovers of peace must be vigorously exercised on behalf of international unity and of friendly relations with the Soviet Union. Otherwise there is very real danger that the world will drift backward to war instead of going forward to lasting peace."—Reuter.

CATHEDRAL CANONS

Bishop Hall announced yesterday that the following have been appointed Canons of St. John's Cathedral to date from December 25, 1945:

The Rev. E. W. L. Martin
The Rev. Lei Kaa-yang
The Rev. Tso Sz-fong
The Rev. H. A. Wittenbach.

Curiously, the Japanese were under the impression that they were to be allowed to continue running the line indefinitely, and protested!

The Chinese section of the line is now fully staffed, a large majority of the pre-war crews having returned to work.

For the remaining to work on the Chinese section of the line include:

W. W. Leung, originator of the Ways and Works Department, who spent the war years after Canton's surrender on road survey work in Shansi for the Chinese National Government; and

Lo Wun-kwan, locomotive superintendent.

REPAIR WORK

When the Chinese military authorities asked the Japanese, after the surrender, to account for available locomotives and rolling stock, they were informed that there were 10 serviceable locomotives.

This figure proved to be a slight exaggeration. The locomotives may have been serviceable by Japanese standards, but all are now being overhauled.

The same is true of coaches. These are all repairable and may still be used, but seats have been ripped out and converted into the Japanese conception of a bed. Under the Japanese, the service was largely a night affair, as a precaution against aerial attack.

His Excellency the Governor and the Garrison Commander, Kowloon, Colonel J. M. T. Churchill, D.S.O., M.C. will attend the Charity Football Match at 5 p.m. to-morrow between 44 (R.M.) Commando and a Combined Chinese XI. The players will be introduced to His Excellency before the commencement of the match.

Two Chinese women were sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. Leo D'Almeida at the Summary Military Court yesterday, for stealing a tin of "Shell" from the Atlantic Petroleum Company, North Point, on Sunday. The accused were Wu Ping and Li Yau.

Sub-Inspector Goddard stated that accused were caught by Mr. Barker leaving the main gate with a tin of "Shell" wrapped up in a piece of cloth.

They were daily workers at the depot at wages of \$1.80 per day.

Fish Case Adjourned

Two Chinese, Ho For-shing and Cheung Ki-fat, were charged before Mr. Leo D'Almeida at the Summary Military Court yesterday, for importing 989 catties of salt fish on Sunday without a permit.

Mr. Losoby pleaded not guilty on behalf of the accused.

According to Sgt. Lewis, for the prosecution, a Chinese detective, walking along the Praya at West Point, saw a fishing junk unloading a cargo of salt fish. He made enquiries and found they had no permit from the Controller of Fisheries. The fish was seized from Macao under the H.K.V.D.C. repatriation scheme.

The whole area West of Western Street and South of Queen's Street are out of bounds with the following exceptions:—

Kamling Restaurant
Kwong Chau Restaurant
In bounds signs are posted on these restaurants.

Where in possession, civilian clothing may be worn by Officers and Other Ranks when not on duty. Seconded personnel will obtain the approval of the Heads of Department or Controllers concerned.

Personnel on leave in Macao will under no circumstances whatsoever apply for any extension of leave either through mail or by cable. The period of leave as stated in the Pass will be strictly adhered to.

Any mobilised member H.K.V.D.C. who has not yet had news of his next of kin should inform the Adjutant in writing—giving last known address of such next of kin.

Letters or cables are waiting collection at H.Q. for Eddie Lee, Y. M. Nates, L. C. Lin, I. Dick, I. G. Sullivan, Miss I. B. H. gara, C. D'Almeida, Castro, J. G. B. Dewar, George White, V. F. Souza, A. V. Skvorzov, Alexander Shihwarg, Yappittvan and B. C. Field.

Leung Chuen-shing was charged at the Summary Military Court before Mr. Leo D'Almeida yesterday, for possession of 593 packets of 20 cigarettes and 63 tins of 50 cigarettes as issued to His Majesty's Forces, without a permit from a duly authorised official.

Accused stated that he received the cigarettes from British sailors in exchange for a watch. He did not know it was against regulations.

The Court took into consideration the fact that accused had been in custody for over a week, and had lost his wrist watch. He was cautioned and discharged.

The cigarettes were order to be confiscated.

AVENGERS OF BATAAN

Washington, Oct. 30. Units of the 38th Infantry division, the "Avengers of Bataan," began arriving at Pacific ports to-day for release from service.

The 38th made two landings on Bataan to prevent the Japanese from using it for a last stand, as American forces did in 1942, and then cleaned the Japanese from the island forts flanking Corregidor at the mouth of Manila bay.

Their final campaigning was against the Japanese in the mountains east of Manila in the final phases of the Luzon campaign.—Associated Press.

New Air Lines to Orient

Washington, Oct. 30. A Western Airlines executive told the civil aviation board to-day that there is plenty of potential air cargo and passenger traffic in the Orient and Alaska to use three air routes "gateways" for the northern route. He argued in support of his airline's claim to participation in development of the Alaska-Alaska routes, for which many major airlines will be competing.—Associated Press.

HUGE DRUG SEIZURE

Tokyo, Oct. 30. Thirty-four tons of crude opium were among the huge hoard of narcotics and drugs, worth over \$1,600,000, seized by the United States Army Authorities at Ganga in central Honshu.

The haul, which was found in a remote warehouse, included thirty-two tons of quinine, worth \$500,000 and morphine, novocaine and cocaine, worth over half a million. Sterling.—Reuter.

R. C. Services for H.M. Forces are to be held at St. Joseph's Church to-morrow, All Saints Day (Low Mass at 8.30 and Special Mass at 10.30) and on Friday, All Souls Day (Requiem Masses at 7.30, 7.55, 8.15 and 10.30).

MILADY'S SHOES

London, Oct. 30. Complaints were made in the House of Commons to-day about the shortage of women's shoes. It was stated that women in need of high-grade shoes were required to queue up at five o'clock in the morning to get them. Busy people and those coming from the country were, in consequence, unable to get them at all.—Reuter.

VOLUNTEER REMINDER

All ranks H.K.V.D. Corps are reminded that under the new ration scheme, members of the Corps whose relations, other than wives and children, are or will be drawing rations from H.K.V.D.C. will be responsible for the payment of the rations. This applies also to those who will be returning from Macao under the H.K.V.D.C. repatriation scheme.

The whole area West of Western Street and South of Queen's Street are out of bounds with the following exceptions:—

Kamling Restaurant
Kwong Chau Restaurant
In bounds signs are posted on these restaurants.

Where in possession, civilian clothing may be worn by Officers and Other Ranks when not on duty. Seconded personnel will obtain the approval of the Heads of Department or Controllers concerned.

Personnel on leave in Macao will under no circumstances whatsoever apply for any extension of leave either through mail or by cable. The period of leave as stated in the Pass will be strictly adhered to.

Any mobilised member H.K.V.D.C. who has not yet had news of his next of kin should inform the Adjutant in writing—giving last known address of such next of kin.

Letters or cables are waiting collection at H.Q. for Eddie Lee, Y. M. Nates, L. C. Lin, I. Dick, I. G. Sullivan, Miss I. B. H. gara, C. D'Almeida, Castro, J. G. B. Dewar, George White, V. F. Souza, A. V. Skvorzov, Alexander Shihwarg, Yappittvan and B. C. Field.

BLACK MARKET CIGARETTES

Leung Chuen-shing was charged at the Summary Military Court before Mr. Leo D'Almeida yesterday, for possession of 593 packets of 20 cigarettes and 63 tins of 50 cigarettes as issued to His Majesty's Forces, without a permit from a duly authorised official.

Accused stated that he received the cigarettes from British sailors in exchange for a watch. He did not know it was against regulations.

The Court took into consideration the fact that accused had been in custody for over a week, and had lost his wrist watch. He was cautioned and discharged.

The cigarettes were order to be confiscated.

THROUGH RAILWAY SERVICE TO CANTON

NEGOTIATIONS ARE AT PRESENT IN PROGRESS BETWEEN THE CHINESE AND BRITISH AUTHORITIES FOR THE EARLY RESTORATION OF A THROUGH TRAIN SERVICE BETWEEN CANTON AND HONG KONG. IT IS HOPED TO START THE SERVICE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

THE WAYS AND WORKS DEPARTMENT OF THE CHINESE SECTION OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY HAVE BEEN IN COMPLETE CONTROL OF THE SHUMCHUN- TAISHATAU LINE SINCE THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH, THE JAPANESE RAILWAY ENGINEERING CREW BEING ORDERED INTO INTERNMENT ON OCTOBER 9TH.

Curiously, the Japanese were under the impression that they were to be allowed to continue running the line indefinitely, and protested!

The Chinese section of the line is now fully staffed, a large majority of the pre-war crews having returned to work.

For the remaining to work on the Chinese section of the line include:

W. W. Leung, originator of the Ways and Works Department, who spent the war years after Canton's surrender on road survey work in Shansi for the Chinese National Government; and

Lo Wun-kwan, locomotive superintendent.

REPAIR WORK

When the Chinese military authorities asked the Japanese, after the surrender, to account for available locomotives and rolling stock, they were informed that there were 10 serviceable locomotives.

This figure proved to be a slight exaggeration. The locomotives may have been serviceable by Japanese standards, but all are now being overhauled.

The same is true of coaches. These are all repairable and may still be used, but seats have been ripped out and converted into the Japanese conception of a bed. Under the Japanese, the service was largely a night affair, as a precaution against aerial attack.

His Excellency the Governor and the Garrison Commander, Kowloon, Colonel J. M. T. Churchill, D.S.O., M.C. will attend the Charity Football Match at 5 p.m. to-morrow between 44 (R.M.) Commando and a Combined Chinese XI. The players will be introduced to His Excellency before the commencement of the match.

AMERICA'S
PEACE NAVY

WASHINGTON, OCT. 30. LEGISLATION FOR FIXING THE SIZE OF THE POST-WAR TWO-OCEAN NAVY WILL COME UP TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TODAY WITHOUT KNOWN OPPOSITION.

The purpose of such fleet will be to "insure our national integrity in support of our national policies, guard the Continental United States and our overseas possessions and give protection to our commerce and citizens."

No new ships are authorized by the new legislation which is composed of three groups: 29 major combat vessels ready for action, 104 major ships in stand-by condition ready for service at thirty days notice and 681 major vessels in full-up reserve manned only by caretaker crews. Ships in either fleet, exclusive of auxiliaries, include 3 large carriers, 24 medium carriers and 79 escort-type carriers, 18 battleships, 3 large cruisers, 31 heavy cruisers and 48 light cruisers, 367 destroyers and 300 escort destroyers and 199 submarines. Associated Press.

I.L.O. AND
ARGENTINA

Paris, Oct. 30. Argentina was strongly denounced again on Monday by delegates to the International Labour Organisation congress here, many of whom are opposing the admittance of delegates from the South American country.

Opposition to the administration of Gen. Juan Peron, the Argentine "strong man," was voiced by the Chilean workers' delegate, Albino Barra, who described Peron as "a spy."

Barra charged that Peron, when Argentine military attaché at Santiago, was expelled by the Chilean government because of espionage activities.

As the credentials committee weighed the issue, the Peruvian workers' delegate also protested against admitting Argentina. Associated Press.

Tokyo, Oct. 30. Unofficial Japanese quarters asserted today that President Truman's Navy day speech on America's post-war attitude allayed fears that Japan might be permanently isolated by proposed "a third peace." Associated Press.

STAR FERRY SERVICE

COMPENSATION?
BURMA ASKS AGAIN

LONDON, OCT. 30. MR. ARTHUR HENDERSON, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR INDIA AND BURMA, TOLD THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TODAY IN REPLY TO A QUESTION, THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WAS ANXIOUS THAT A GENERAL ELECTION SHOULD BE HELD IN BURMA AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. HE ADDED: "IT WILL BE NECESSARY, HOWEVER, TO ARRANGE FOR COMPLETE REVISION OF THE ELECTORAL ROLLS, RESTORATION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND REESTABLISHMENT OF THOSE STABLE CONDITIONS IN WHICH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT CAN BE MET."

"No decision has yet been taken as to the basis of franchise. This is a matter which is now engaging the urgent attention of the Governor and his advisers."

"No time will be lost once the Governor's recommendations have been received and considered by His Majesty's Government in introducing any necessary legislation to amend the appropriate schedules of the Government of Burma Act of 1935."

"It is the policy and wish of His Majesty's Government that Burma should attain full self-government within the British Commonwealth at the earliest moment that practical considerations can make possible."

NO AVOIDABLE DELAY

Mr. Driberg (the Labour member who asked the question) will appreciate the difficulty of fixing a precise date for the conclusion of these stages but he may rest assured that His Majesty's Government is determined that there shall be no avoidable delay in implementing the undertakings it has given."

Mr. Driberg said: "While appreciating the difficulties which the Minister refers to, he bears in mind the tremendous psychological effect, not only in

Burma but throughout South-east Asia, that the fixing of such a date would have, the reinforcing of our promises and guarantees and will be constantly bear that in mind."

Mr. Henderson: "You, but we must also have in mind the practical difficulties which are ahead."

WAR COMPENSATION

Asked by Mr. Keeling (Conservative) what arrangements he was making for the registration and consideration of claims for compensation for damage in Burma resulting from the war against Japan, Mr. Henderson replied: "The Government of Burma is keeping a register of all claims for compensation on account of war damage. These claims will have to be investigated and it is hoped shortly to make necessary arrangements for this to be done."

"I am not in a position to state the extent to which it may be possible to award compensation in respect of claims and accordingly registration must not be taken as committing the Government of Burma to payment of compensation."

Mr. Keeling: "Does the Burma Office agree that if industry and trade are to be encouraged and set going again quickly, the settlement of these claims is essential?"

Mr. Henderson: "The Government of Burma fully realises the need for obtaining a quick settlement, but it is not waiting for that before giving financial assistance in order to rehabilitate economic conditions." --Reuter.

No Limit
Says Koch

WASHINGTON, OCT. 30. A LIBERAL INCREASE IN THE UNITED STATES WAR DAMAGE PAYMENT TO THE PHILIPPINES WAS URGED BY EDWIN KOCH, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BEFORE THE SENATE INSULAR COMMITTEE. KOCH SUGGESTED NO LIMIT OF PAYMENT ON THE DAMAGES WHICH ARE ESTIMATED AT ONE BILLION DOLLARS AND ALSO PROPOSES THE RAISING OF THE PERSONAL DAMAGE CLAIM LIMIT TO ABOVE FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

Colonel Tomas Cabili, member of the Philippine Rehabilitation Commission, asked for payment for guerrilla expenditures in addition to actual damages. He said that the people willingly supplied resistance forces without any monetary return.

"This people actively engaged against the Japanese should get claim priority over the city residents who gave less during the war and are now much better off."

He suggested payment in goods instead of money to prevent inflation. -- Associated Press.

Philippines'
Claims

New York, Oct. 30. Philippines President Sergio Osmeña declared in a speech here today that "we are asking for 20 years of limited free trade with the United States on the basis of the 1940 level, and not a strangulating graduated tax on such trade. We are asking for fair treatment of war damage, providing just compensation to those who suffered when war came to Philippines soil which was under protection of American sovereignty."

President Osmeña addressed the annual "Herald-Tribune" public Forum. -- Associated Press.

RAILWAY TEST

London, Oct. 30. Owing to the shortage of coal, the Great Western Railway is converting three locomotives for the burning of oil fuel. The first trials will be made with goods engines and if these prove successful, other engines will be converted for the haulage of passenger trains. -- Reuter.

A MANAGED
ECONOMY

London, Oct. 30. The "Financial Times" Paris correspondent says the outlook for the coming weeks is not considered bright since the elections demonstrated that France is prepared to launch a far-reaching experiment in managed economy.

Nationalisation of credit is likely to command first attention of the new Assembly if only because the Bank of France's charter expires at the end of the year. -- Reuter.

DEVALUING FRANC

Paris, Oct. 30. Devaluation of the French franc is expected very shortly well-informed American and French sources reported today, despite government denial. Speculation was that the new rate would be 500 to the British pound compared to the present 200. An American source said the devaluation is expected as a prelude to France's expected adherence to the Bretton Wood monetary agreement. -- Associated Press.

BLACK LIST

Washington, Oct. 30. The State Department announces that owing to evidence obtained by the occupation authorities a revised United States "black list" has been published. Total changes for the American republics are 353 deletions and six additions, three additions in Argentina, two in Brazil and one in Chile. In other countries there are 25 additions and 27 deletions. -- Reuter.

Washington, Oct. 30. Senator O'Mahoney, Wyoming Democrat, introduced a resolution today in favour of outlawing the atomic bomb by international agreement. -- Associated Press.

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Advance to the Rhine. Far East Fleet in Action.

Driving on in Holland. R.A.F. Gun Breakers.

War Advances Towards Enemy Forces Dreaded Fast as German Soil.

War in Italy. Allies Battle Victoriously on All Fronts.

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FRUITS OF CHINA'S VICTORY

Internal Strife To Swallow Them Up Now?

Nation Facing Major Test

WASHINGTON, OCT. 30.
AMERICAN OFFICIALS, BOTH DIPLOMATIC AND MILI-
TARY, TODAY VIEWED CHINA'S INTERNAL
STRIFE AS THREATENING TO ROB THE NATION
OF THE FRUITS OF ITS VICTORY.
MEN WELL-INFORMED ON FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS
SAID THE CLASH BETWEEN COMMUNIST AND CEN-
TRAL GOVERNMENT TROOPS CONFRONTED
CHINA WITH HER FIRST MAJOR POST-WAR TEST,
WHICH WILL GO FAR IN DETERMINING THE NA-
TION'S CAPACITY TO REMAIN IN THE FRONT
RANK OF THE WORLD'S RULING POWERS.

Chinese diplomatic and mili-
tary officials here declined to
discuss the situation other than
to restate that the "Red ques-
tion" will be solved without re-
course to civil war.

Other complexities of the
issue include the Russian, Bri-
tish and American stands in the
event of widespread fighting and
whether the major Powers,
which have accepted Chiang
Kai-shek's Chungking regime as
the government of China, will
undertake to give it further
support or stand aside and let
the Chinese strife work itself
out and then accept the victor
as the legally established au-
thority in China.—Associated
Press.

GROWING PERIL

Political quarters in Chungking
are gravely preoccupied with the
growing peril that the present
localized clashes might burst into
uncontrollable all-out civil war.

Soccer Rebellion

Manchester, Oct. 30.
The Secretary of the Foot-
ball Players' Union, Mr. James
Pay, stated after a meeting of
the Union Committee to-night
that replies so far received to
the "yes" or "no" strike cir-
cular sent to players reveal an
emphatic "yes" in favour of a
strike.

Earlier this evening, a Lon-
don Club official suggested that
servicemen, who are the majori-
ty of the playing personnel,
would be forbidden by the
King's Regulations from tak-
ing part in a strike.

A military spokesman told
Reuters: "The Regulations pro-
hibit soldiers from taking part
in any political agitation or
strikes but whether a Soccer
strike would come under this
heading, I would not be pre-
pared to say."—Reuters.

WANT TO SEE THE COUNTRY

Derby coal-miners have re-
quested and discussions are proceeding
on the demand, to be allowed to
knock off two hours earlier on
Saturdays to enable them to go to
the races or watch Association
football.

They argue that coal production
will not suffer as they will come
back to work fresher from the
longer week-end lay-off.—Reuters.

CIVVIES ALLOWED

London, Oct. 30.
The War Office has given
authority for the wearing of
civilian clothes by Servicemen
off duty in the British Isles.
The right to wear "civvies"
is not granted in occupied
enemy countries, but elsewhere
the Commanders-in-Chief may
use their discretion and au-
thorise the wearing of mufti.
—Reuters.

America And Palestine

Washington, Oct. 30.
The Chairman of the Senate
Steering Committee, Mr. Robert
Taft, urged to-day that the United
States should join with Britain in
a survey to determine how many
Jews can and should be sent to
Palestine.

He said he was satisfied that
the British were not seriously
suggesting that the United States
should help to furnish armed
forces for Palestine.

He understood that Britain had
asked for the establishment of
a joint commission to determine
how many Jews could be sent to
Palestine without disturbing con-
ditions. "If the British formally
propose that I think we should
agree to it," Mr. Taft added.

Senator Taft made this state-
ment after reading a letter from
Senator Josiah Bailey to Mr.
James Byrnes, Secretary of State
suggesting that the United States
has no business to undertake to
establish any sort of state in
Palestine.—Reuters.

U.S. Labour Restive

Washington, Oct. 30.
The C.I.O. United Steel
workers union to-day asked the
National Labour Relations
Board to take a strike vote
Nov. 28 among 600,000 metal
workers in 766 plants.

The union demands \$2 daily
wage increase from steel, iron
and aluminium companies.

Similar strike votes are ex-
pected to be requested by 170,-
000 General Electric workers
and 30,000 General Motors em-
ployees.

In San Francisco 13,000
machinists struck yesterday,
bringing the total of United
States workers on strike to
235,000.

One strike affecting about
33,000 ended. Bethlehem Steel
has rejected the \$2 daily wage
increase demand.—Associated
Press.

U.S. EXPORTS OF FOOD

Washington, Oct. 30.
Deliveries of food for export
in August dropped to the lowest
level since the early days of Land-
Lease dropping to 33.1 million
pounds or roughly half of the
July total. It was the last month
for Land-Lease which accounted
for over fifty per-cent of the
deliveries.

The countries which received
Land-Lease deliveries for the
month of 186 million pounds
were: United Kingdom and Bri-
tish services overseas 59 per cent.

Russia 19 per-cent with the
remainder divided between France,
French West and North Africa,
British Dominions and Colonies,
Greece, Netherlands and Belgium.
The U.N.R.R.A. received nearly
51 million pounds for Czechoslo-
vakia, Italy, Poland, Yugoslavia,
Greece, Albania and Egypt.—
Associated Press.

JAPS WANT 36-HOUR WEEK

Tokyo, Oct. 30.
The Domei News Agency has
reported that the social party or-
ganisation committee's employ-
ment programme urges a thirty-
six hour work per week, govern-
ment responsibility for relief of
the jobless and a speedy start in
the rehabilitation projects to pro-
vide work.—Associated Press.

JAPAN'S NAVY

Kure, Oct. 30.
Sixth Army Headquarters here
said that 149 Japanese warships
of all types, including 100 service-
able were found at Kure, Japan's
chief Naval base.

The serviceable ships included
two aircraft carriers, two cruisers,
nineteen destroyers, twenty-nine
submarines and eighteen sub-
marine chasers.—Associated Press.

HALLIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, OCT. 30.

The port manager, commenting
on London reports that bread may
be rationed in Britain, stated that
Halifax grain elevators are filled
to capacity of two million bushels
and are ready to begin loading
as soon as ships are available.—
Reuters.

COMMUNISTS CUT PEI-HAN RAILWAY

CHUNGKING, OCT. 30.
COMMUNIST TROOPS HAVE CUT ONE HUNDRED MILES
IN THE PEI-PING-HANKOW RAILWAY LIFE-LINE OF
THE GOVERNMENT FORCES PRESSING NORTH-
WARD TOWARD THE UNDECLARED CIVIL-WAR
ZONE. OFFICIAL DISPATCHES SAID HERE.
THE COMMUNISTS HAVE STRUCK SOUTH OF PEI-PING
CUTTING RAILS, BLASTING BRIDGES, DESTROYING
STATIONS AND BURNING RAILWAY STOCK.

Government quarters have ad-
mitted that the movement of
troops have been seriously han-
pered. Other dispatches said
that fighting is rising in fury in
Shantung, Shansi and Suiyuan
provinces with the communists
falling back before superior
government forces.

The government is striving to
prevent an all-out civil war.
Three hundred delegates to the
projected National Assembly has
urged the Assembly to convene
immediately to halt China back
from the brink of civil strife.—
Associated Press.

15,000 CASUALTIES

The Government troops have
already incurred over 15,000
casualties in battles east of Su-
chow to the Taiyuan railway in
the "civil war" now raging in
North China.

This is according to General
Yen Hsi-shan, Governor of Shansi
province, in which the Communists
claim to have 100,000 men.

Obvious failure of the talks
between Chungking and the Com-
munists to achieve settlement of
any major issue has provoked a
flood of reports indicating the
growing tension.—Reuters.

Monty's Beret In Dorset

London, Oct. 30.
The most famous beret in
history is to-day in the Officers'
Mess at Bovington, Dorset,
headquarters of the Royal Tank
Regiment. Field Marshal Mont-
gomery wore it from Alamein
to Tunis.

Mrs. Hubert Barrett, a Dor-
chester art dealer, has prepared
a parchment which "Monty" has
signed. It reads:

"This beret was given me by
a sergeant in the Royal Tank
Regiment, the non-commissioned
officer in command of my tank
during the Battle of Alamein in
October, 1942.

"It was worn by me from
Alamein to Tunis, when it was
so dirty that I got a new one.
I added my general's badge to
it and have worn the black beret
with two badges ever since."

The sergeant was James
(Jock) Fraser, the 6th Royal
Tank Regiment.—Reuters.

Points Of Friction

Saigon, Oct. 30.
Friction has developed between
the Chinese and the Anglo-French
allies in Indo-China.

Chinese residents in a protest
alleged cases of rape and looting
by Indian troops in the Chinese
section.

The French have alleged failure
on the part of Chinese troops to
control Annamite bands in Nor-
thern Indo-China.

Chinese residents prepared to
send a delegation to Maj.-Gen. D.
Gracey, chief ground comman-
der. British officials said they
were investigating the disturbance
in Cholon, the Chinese section
which comprises half of Saigon.

The trouble was increased over the
week-end by a mysterious fire
which destroyed many Chinese
homes despite the efforts of
Indian troops to control it.

BULLETIN ISSUED

The Allied commission in Saigon
issued a bulletin Monday report-
ing sharp encounters between An-
namites and Anglo-French forces
in the Gocong region, while
"mopping up and repair of roads
continued in the area south of
Saigon."

The announcement said Gocong
was defended by a large number
of "rebels" but was "brilliantly
occupied in the early afternoon
by sailors from the battleship
Richelieu, supported by guns of
the corvette Gazelle."

A new case of grenade throw-
ing was reported by the commis-
sion in Cholon. It said the night
was quiet in all sectors.—Associated
Press.

JAP. DEMOCRACY

Tokyo, Oct. 30.
Baron Kido Hiranuma, Presi-
dent of the Privy Council, declared
to-day that Japanese democracy
means the retention of the Em-
peror in his present role under a
constitution.

Hiranuma said: "The Japanese
political organization is based on
historic facts and the Emperor
has never been considered a
despot."—Associated Press.